

TAG Mail 5th of June



TAG MEETINGS

There are no TAG meetings for the upcoming week.

WEBSITE UPDATE

**Confirmed minutes of the April TAG meeting and the confirmed minutes of the February TAGNet meeting have been added to the members section of the website.

TAG ACTIVITIES

**Expressions of interest for pilot testing the draft recommendations from the Parenteral Labelling Project. Please note: closing date for signed submissions is 24th June 2009.

**NSW TAG is seeking expert review and advice on a draft anticoagulation protocol checklist, for potential use in all NSW hospitals. Please forward name and contact details of opinion leaders willing to assist by early next week.

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - AUSTRALIA

**NHMRC

-Tracker Newsletter Issued 29th of May: Forthcoming Urgent Call For Research
<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend4.com/T/ViewEmail/r/A69EE2A42DBF592F/1F9DE94AA3A7745E2540EF23F30FEDED>

-NICS update: NHMRC announces 2009 NICS Fellows
<http://nhmrccommunications.createsend.com/T/ViewEmail/r/3EEBFC5C93AD32E9/F2EA77276949ED88D9767B6002735221>

**NSW Health

Statewide Standing Order for Supply of Anti-Influenza Prophylaxis to Defined Contacts

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2009/pdf/PD2009_026.pdf

**ADRAC

-Reports in this bulletin: Drug-associated macular oedema - latanoprost and rosiglitazone, Drug-induced lupus erythematosus: An emerging association with TNF inhibitors, Metformin, dehydration and lactic acidosis.

<http://www.tga.gov.au/adr/aadrb/aadr0906.htm#a1>

**GMCT

-Clinician Connect Newsletter: Including guest editorial on 'What drives confidence in Public Health Care Systems?'

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/gmct/news/pdf/news_2009_06_01.pdf

REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

**NHS Evidence

-Update on evidence for Atrial Fibrillation

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/cardiovascular/viewResource.aspx?resid=314789>

**CADTH

-Dabigatran or Rivaroxaban Versus Other Anticoagulants for Thromboprophylaxis After Major Orthopedic Surgery: Systematic Review of Comparative Clinical-Effectiveness and Safety

<http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/hta/reports-publications/search/publication/908>

**AHRQ

- Preventing Hospital-Acquired Venous Thromboembolism A Guide for Effective Quality Improvement

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/vtguide/>

**MTRAC

-Updated: Leviteracetam- Verdict & Summary

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/schools/pharm/MTRAC/ProductInfo/verdicts/L/Levetiracetam4.pdf>

**CDC

-MMWR: Trends in Smoking Before, During, and After Pregnancy --- Pregnancy.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/?s_cid=mmwr_online_e

MEDICATION SAFETY

**AHRQ

-Patient Safety Net News: This week; To Err Is Human – To Delay Is Deadly, Prescription errors and outcomes related to inconsistent information transmitted through computerized order entry: a prospective study.

<http://psnet.ahrq.gov/whatsNew.aspx>

**MHRA

-Drug Safety Update: Volume 2 Issue 11, June 2009. In this issue: Antipsychotics and risk of thromboembolic events, Chloral hydrate (Welldorm) and Triclofos: not first-line options for insomnia, Clopidogrel and proton pump inhibitors: possible interaction, Topical ketoprofen: reminder on risk of photosensitivity reactions.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetyguidance/DrugSafetyUpdate/CONO49070>

PAPERS OF INTEREST

-Risk of gastrointestinal perforation in patients with cancer treated with bevacizumab: a meta-analysis. The Lancet Oncology. Volume 10, Issue 6, Pages 559 - 568, June 2009

[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045\(09\)70112-3/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045(09)70112-3/abstract)

-Folic acid use and major congenital malformations in offspring of women with epilepsy: a prospective study from the UK Epilepsy and Pregnancy Register. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry. 2009 May;80(5):506-11.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?orig_db=PubMed&db=pubmed&cmd=Search&defaultField=Title%20Word&term=J%20Neurol%20Neurosurg%20Psychiatry%5Bjour%5D%20AND%2080%5Bvolume%5D%20AND%20506%5Bpage%5D%20AND%202009%5Bpdatt%5D

-Effects of Web- and Computer-Based Smoking Cessation Programs
Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials. Arch Intern
Med. 2009;169(10):929-937.

<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/169/10/929>

-Acid-Suppressive Medication Use and the Risk for Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia
JAMA. 2009;301(20):2120-2128. [http://jama.ama-](http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/301/20/2120)

[assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/301/20/2120](http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/301/20/2120)

-Tadalafil Therapy for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension. Circulation. Published
Online on May 26, 2009.

<http://circ.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/CIRCULATIONAHA.108.839274v1>

-Effect of the quality and outcomes framework on diabetes care in the United
Kingdom: retrospective cohort study. BMJ 2009;338:b1870.

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/338/may26_2/b1870?paperoc

CONSULTATIONS

NIL

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Implementing Quality Indicators: moving from theory into practice" in
Sydney on Thursday June 11th.

<http://www.crepatientsafety.org.au/seminars/qualityindicators/implementingqislowres.pdf>

** National Institute of Complementary Medicine (NICM)- Symposium

Friday 19th June 2009, Brisbane.

<http://www.nicm.edu.au/content/view/136/237/>

**Integrated Care Pathways 2009. Focuses on new and innovative techniques that can help make care pathways more effective. Wednesday 24 June 2009 - Thursday 25 June 76 Portland Place, London. <http://www.healthcare-events.co.uk/conf/booking.php?action=home&id=289&confbook=0f658fd0283be55e79b8e02b52fccf7a>

** Joint Commission Resources: Pediatric Conference - July 22-23, 2009, Oakbrook Terrace, IL <http://www.jcrinc.com/Conferences-and-Seminars/Pedicatric-National-Conference/1514/>

**Managing challenging behaviours in older people with cognitive impairment (call for abstracts open). 6-7 August 2009. Rialto, Collins St, Melbourne, VIC http://www.changechampions.com.au/guidelines/Challenging_Behaviours.pdf

**7th Australasian Association for Quality in Healthcare (AAQHC) Conference in Sydney on 6-9 September, 2009 <http://www.aqhc2009.org.au/program/>

**International Society for Quality in Healthcare: 26th International conference 11-14 October, 2009 Dublin, Ireland. <http://www.isqua.org/Dubiln2009-InternationalSocietyforQualityinHealthCareInc..html>

**DOH (NSW): 2009 NSW Health Awards and Expo- 30th October, Australian Technology Park (Redfern) <http://www.awards-expo.health.nsw.gov.au/>

**ARCHI: NSW Rural and Remote Allied Health - Beyond the Rhetoric. Tamworth, 12th-13th of November 2009. <http://www.archi.net.au/events/upcoming/rural-allied09>

OTHER NEWS

**TGA

-The Therapeutic Goods Administration is seeking feedback from people on its communication and consultation processes. As part of this review, we are conducting this online survey to seek your views.

<http://guest.cvent.com/SURVEYS/Welcome.aspx?s=4b8711cd-f818-4d43-ae76-6dbd5656ddce>